(3) the Pazhayar river should be broadened from the Suchindram bridge as far as the Manakkudi Kayal by removing all encroachments ;

(4) the Mission Dam should be removed ;

(5) the proposal to divert, by another canal, the refuse water from the Suchindram paddy fields should be abandoned ;

(5) the sluice put up at the Parakkai tank to let water into the Palkulam should not be opened ;

(6) the ryots should be allowed to plant trees on river *porambokes* when the existing trees disappeared ; and

(7) the water from Chempakulam should be diverted for the use of the 8,000 acres of wet lands in Thekkumputhur.

Dewan's reply.—The question of constituting an Irrigation Board will again be considered. The other points are noted.

66. Measures to prevent the Kodayar channel water from rendering parts of the town of Nagercoil uninhabitable.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that Nagercoil was once bounded by paddy fields on more than two sides, but they were on a lower level than the town. The Kodayar channels newly cut ran above the town and all the new conversions were on a higher level. The water thus percolated through the lower grounds and rendered the town unhealthy. To a previous representation, the Dewan's reply was that it was for the Committee to take such steps as would prevent the evil. The difficulty of the Committee, however, was that the area under paddy was so large that it was impossible for them to adopt the only effective course, namely, the acquisition of the paddy lands. The other alternative was to construct some drains, so as to allow the water to run into the nearest channel.

Dewan.—I think that Nagercoil is one of the T. I. C's. with a large surplus fund. The Committee cannot find a better way of utilising the funds in improving the Town.

Member.—The Committee have already submitted, for the consideration of Government, a scheme of water-supply for the town. An office building was also necessary for the Committee. There are also several other purposes for which money is required.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

67. Efficient maintenance of the existing roads and streets and the opening of a few additional roads most urgently needed in the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. D. C. Joseph (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that the town of Nagercoil was so hemmed in that it was impossible of extension except on the western side. But the chief obstacle to the town expanding westwards was water difficulty. Wells had to be sunk to a depth of 100 feet which rendered it impossible for ordinary persons to lift water. So, what the people did was to live in congested areas and that made the town unhealthy. There was, therefore, urgent necessity to widen the streets and lanes. Recently, some widening was done which was not without its good effect. Another point was that nobody felt any responsibility in the matter of maintaining them in the proper way. It might perhaps be suggested that it was the duty of the Committee to levy the necessary cess and see to the improvements required. But the people were against the levy of any additional charge and the Committee had no funds. The Member suggested that the three toll-gates, which were now situated beyond the Town limits, might be shifted to places within the Town and the same placed under the control of the Committee, so that the toll collections might be utilized for the purpose explained by the Member.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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